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TO DIRECTOR, DALLAS AND MIAMI

FROM NEW ORLEANS 210601

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED BY PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION:

SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH INSTITUTED IN NEW ORLEANS, A CAMPAIGN KNOWN AS "CRUSADE TO FREE CUBA" APPROXIMATELY IN DECEMBER, 1961, WHICH CAMPAIGN WAS TO HAVE LASTED UNTIL JANUARY 31, 1962. ARCACHA HAD BEEN HEAD OF AN ANTI-CASTRO GROUP IN NEW ORLEANS KNOWN AS THE REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC FRONT, BUT THIS GROUP WAS DISSOLVED IN LATE 1961. ITS HEADQUARTERS WERE IN MIAMI. AFTER THE LATTER GROUP WAS DISSOLVED, ITS ACTIVITIES WERE RESUMED BY THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (CRC) IN MIAMI.

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ALTHOUGH ARCACHA DID NOT BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CRC, HE WAS ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON AS HEAD OF THE CRUSADE TO FREE CUBA. ARCACHA WAS BORN JANUARY 22, 1923, AND IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FIVE FOOT SEVEN, 180 POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WHO AS OF DECEMBER OF 1960 WAS MARRIED AND HAD FOUR CHILDREN. HE ALLEGEDLY SERVED IN THE CUBAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE BETWEEN 1949 AND 1954 AS A CONSUL IN INDIA. ON NOVEMBER 19, 1962, NO T-2, ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY ADVISED ARCACHA AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1962, HAD POST OFFICE BOX 50523, MAIN POST OFFICE NEW ORLEANS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY GAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS AS 5408 SEMINOLE AVENUE, TAMPA, FLORIDA. ON MAY 7, 1963, WHEN INTERVIEWED AS A SUBJECT OF AN ITSMV CASE, ARCACHA GAVE HIS ADDRESS AS 4023 TURNBERRY CIRCLE, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

LUIS RABEL, AS OF OCTOBER 12, 1962, WAS HEAD OF THE CRC IN NEW ORLEANS, AN ANTI-CASTRO ORGANIZATION WITH HEADQUARTERS IN MIAMI.

RICHARD DAVIS IS RROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH RUDOLPH RICHARD

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PAGE ELEVEN FROM NEW ORLEANS 210601 Rudolph Richard DAVIS, JR., DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE BORN SEPTEMBER 9, 1934, NEW YORK CITY, FIVE FOOT ELEVEN, 177 POUNDS, CUBAN NATIONAL, ALIEN REGISTRATION CARD A12280713, WHO HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A NEUTRALITY MATTER CASE IN 1964, BASED ON AN ALLEGATION BY A SOURCE THAT DAVIS HAD MADE STATEMENTS THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MOVIMIENTO DEMOCRATA CRISTIANO (MDC) AND THAT THE LATTER GROUP WAS PLANNING TO RAID OIL REFINERIES IN HAVANA. DAVIS, UPON INTERVIEW, ADVISED THAT HE HAD MADE SUCH STATEMENTS SOLELY TO PROMPT DONATIONS BY PERSONS INCLINED TO SUPPORT ANTI-CASTRO EFFORTS AND ALSO ADMITTED THAT HE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE MDC. ON JULY 30, 1963, SOURCE REPORTED THAT APPROXIMATELY TEN CUBANS REFUGEES ARRIVED IN NEW ORLEANS FROM MIAMI TO ATTEND A TRAINING CAMP ABOUT TWO HOURS FROM NEW ORLEANS. IT WAS REPORTED THAT THESE CUBANS WERE DISAPPOINTED AND RETURNED TO MIAMI SHORTLY AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN NEW ORLEANS. IT WAS ALLEGED THAT THEY WERE ANGRY WITH RICHARD DAVIS BECAUSE HE HAD DECEIVED THEM AS TO THE NATURE OF THE TRAINING CAMP. DAVIS, UPON INTERVIEW OCTOBER 1, 1962, SAID

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THE MEN HAD COME TO NEW ORLEANS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING OF ATTENDING A TRAINING CAMP AND UPON LEARNING THEY WERE BEING EMPLOYED TO WORK IN A LUMBER CAMP IN GUATEMALA THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED AND RETURNED TO MIAMI. B 3-28-1918 Cleveland

ON OCTOBER 16, 1961, SENIOR PATROL INSPECTOR [redacted] U.S. BORDER PATROL ADVISED THAT [redacted] Lou [redacted], A STEWARD FOR EASTERN AIRLINES, HAD REPORTED THAT CAPTAIN DAVID FERRIE David William Ferrie HAD BEEN TRYING TO PURCHASE A C-47 AIRPLANE FOR $30,000 AND SUPPOSEDLY HAD A CACHE OF ARMS IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA. [redacted] STATED THAT FERRIE HAD BEEN A PILOT FOR EAL FOR SEVEN YEARS PREVIOUSLY BUT AT THAT TIME HAD BEEN ON EXTENDED LEAVE WITHOUT PAY BECAUSE OF CHARGES AGAINST HIM BY JEFFERSON PARISH AUTHORITIES BECAUSE OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A JUVENILE.

ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1960, MR. [redacted], FEDERAL AVIATION TOWER, MOISANT AIRPORT, KENNER LOUISIANA ADVISED THAT A MONTH AND A HALF PREVIOUSLY A [redacted] JEFFERSON PARISH, HAD TOLD [redacted] THAT HER

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TEENAGE SON HAD BEEN INFLUENCED TO JOIN A GROUP CALLED OMNIPOTENT AND THAT A "DR. FERRIE" WAS BEHIND THIS ORGANIZATION. HE STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION WAS TO TRAIN PEOPLE CONCERNING WHAT THEY SHOULD DO IN THE EVENT OF AN ALL OUT ATTACK AGAINST THE U.S.

ON AUGUST 22, 1961, DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSEPH BATTAGLIA, JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFFS OFFICE (JPSO) ADVISED THAT JUVENILE AUTHORITIES HAD SEARCHED FERRIES HOME AT 331 ATHERTON DRIVE AND THEY FOUND A NUMBER OF SYRINGES, HYPODERMIC NEEDLES, TABLETS, CAPSULES, AND BLOOD PRESSURE EQUIPMENT. BATTAGLIA FOUND SEVERAL RIFLES, A FLARE GUN, AND A QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION. BATTAGLIA STATED THAT FERRIE ADMITTED TO HIM THAT HE HAD PURCHASED THE GUNS AND THE AMMUNITION AND WAS WORKING FOR THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FRONT. FERRIE ADVISED ON AUGUST 22, 1961 THAT HE WAS BORN MARCH 28, 1918 AT CLEVELAND OHIO, HAD BEEN A PILOT FOR EAL FOR OVER TEN YEARS, RECEIVED A BA DEGREE FROM BALDWIN WALLACE COLLEGE, BEREA OHIO DURING 1940'S AND A PH D FROM PHOENIX UNIVERSITY, AT BARI-BARI ITALY IN 1957 AND THAT

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HE HAD BEEN ASSISTING SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY FRONT INTERMITTENTLY SINCE NOVEMBER, 1960. FERRIE HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN NEW ORLEANS SEVERAL TIMES BETWEEN 1961 AND 1963; CHARGES INCLUDING CRIME AGAINST NATURE AND VAGRANCY. FERRIE WAS INTERVIEWED IN NOVEMBER 1963 REGARDING THE OSWALD INVESTIGATION AT WHICH TIME HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT KNOW OSWALD OR JACK RUBY AND HAD NEVER MET THEM. FERRIE ADVISED HE LEFT NEW ORLEANS BY AUTOMOBILE ON THE EVENING OF NOVEMBER 22, 1963 WITH TWO FRIENDS AND ARRIVED IN HOUSTON TEXAS IN THE EARLY MORNING OF NOVEMBER 23, 1963. HE RETURNED TO LOUISIANA ON NOVEMBER 24, 1963.

CARLOS QUIROGA IS A CUBAN NATIONAL AND ALLEGEDLY A GRADUATE OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AS AN ENGINEER IN AUGUST, 1961. HE WAS BORN JANUARY 27, 1936 AT HAVANA, CUBA, FIVE FOOT NINE, 144 POUNDS, SLENDER BUILD, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES. HE RESIDES AT 3134 DERBY PLACE AND EMPLOYED AS AN ENGINEER WITH THE RENE HARRIS COMPANY, METAIRIE LOUISIANA. DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF OSWALD HE MADE STATEMENTS

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INDICATING THAT HE HAD SEEN A PAMPHLET DISTRIBUTED BY OSWALD IN THE SUMMER OF 1963 AND HAD GONE TO THE ADDRESS ON THE PAMPHLET, WHICH WAS THE RESIDENCE OF OSWALD AND HAD TALKED WITH HIM. QUIROGA SAID HE TURNED THE INFORMATION HE GOT FROM THIS CONVERSATION WITH OSWALD TO THE NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TOLD THE POLICE HE WOULD BE WILLING TO REPORT ANY INFORMATION HE OBTAINED REGARDING THE FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC) TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. QUIROGA WROTE PRESIDENT JOHNSON ON OCTOBER 6, 1964, CONCERNING HIS MEETING WITH OSWALD AND HIS ATTEMPT TO INFILTRATE THE FPCC. HE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF KENNEDY BE REOPENED, INDICATING THAT THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT WAS INCOMPLETE BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE IT.

BEN SMITH IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO BENJAMIN E. SMITH, ATTORNEY CONNECTED WITH THE FIRM SMITH, WALTZER, JONES, AND PEEBLES OF NEW ORLEANS. BENJAMIN E. SMITH HAS BEEN REGISTERED AS AN AGENT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA, HAVANA CUBA SINCE

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JANUARY 22, 1962, ACCORDING TO MRS. [redacted] REGISTRATION SECTION, INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, DECEMBER 9, 1966. BENJAMIN SMITH, AS OF NOVEMBER 3, 1965 WAS LISTED AS A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD.

BRUCE WALTZER IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH BRUCE CHARLES WALTZER, A MEMBER OF THE SAME FIRM AS BENJAMIN E. SMITH WHO ADMITTED ON JULY 27, 1965, THAT HE WAS THEN A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD.

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NO T-2 IS [redacted] NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE TONY LOPEZ BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA RE HIS IDENTITY.

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